Listing of the Claims:

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended)   A web services marketplace for providers to offer web services and customers to obtain the web services of the provider<u>s</u>, comprising:

    an offering component configured to identify <u>offerings of</u> one or more web services ~~and a~~

        ~~quality of service related to at least one of the web services~~ provided by one or more web service providers<u>, wherein each of the offerings identify criteria related to the one or more web services</u>; and

    a transaction component operable for a customer to obtain ~~the~~ <u>at least one of the one or more</u> web service offering<u>s</u> from ~~the~~ <u>at least one of the one or more web service providers</u> in accordance with the identified <u>criteria</u> ~~quality of service~~,

    ~~wherein the quality of service includes at least one of a precision or a timeliness of data obtained from the web service.~~

    <u>wherein at least one of the web services providers provides multiple offerings of at least one of the one or more web services with each of the multiple offerings providing a different combination of the criteria related to the one of the one or more web services.</u>

9. (Currently Amended)   The web services marketplace of Claim 8, wherein the offering component identifies <u>offerings of</u> a plurality of web services provided by a plurality of web service providers.

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10. (Previously Presented)   The web services marketplace of Claim 8, further comprising:

    a financial component operable for the customer to provide compensation to the provider of

    the web service.

11. (Currently Amended)   The web services marketplace of Claim 8, wherein the <u>criteria</u>

~~offering component~~ includes a price associated with each of the one or more web services offered.

12. (Currently Amended)   The web services marketplace of Claim 8, wherein the offering

<u>criteria</u> ~~component~~ includes a quality of service related to each of the<u> one or more</u> web services.

13. (Original) The web services marketplace of Claim 12, wherein the quality of service is further

defined as a guaranteed quality of service for the web service.

14. (Original) The web services marketplace of Claim 8, wherein the provider is further defined as

a web services developer.

15. (Original) The web services marketplace of Claim 8, wherein the customer is further defined

as a business with offerings to customers associated with the web services.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The web services marketplace of Claim 8, wherein the customer is further defined

as an entity utilizing the web service.

18. (Currently Amended)   A method for selling web services based on a quality of service, the method comprising:

offering, by a plurality of providers, web services based on a quality of service for each of the web service, wherein at least one of the plurality of providers offers multiple combinations of criteria including the quality of service for one or more of the web services;

obtaining, by at least one customer, at least one of the web services having the quality of service for the at least one of the web services from a first of the providers;

~~enabling a use of~~ using the at least one of the web services through transactions with a proxy; and

recording information on the transactions corresponding to the quality of service for the at least one of the web services on the proxy.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended)   The method of Claim 18, wherein ~~at least one of the web services are offered by one of the providers at~~ a first of the multiple combinations of criteria includes a first price based on a first quality of service of the one or more web services and a second of the multiple combinations of criteria includes a second price based on a second quality of service of the one or more web services.

21. (Previously Presented)   The method of Claim 18, wherein at least one web service is offered by one of the providers at an undetermined quality of service.

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22. (Previously Presented)   The method of Claim 18, further comprising:

providing a license agreement related to the use by the customer of the web service obtained from the provider.

23. (Original) The method of Claim 18, wherein the web services are further defined as based on a Web Services standard.

24. (Original) The method of Claim 18, wherein the web services are further defined as reusable components operable for providing a service via the Internet.

25. (Currently Amended)   The web services marketplace of claim 8, wherein the customer obtains the web service offering from the provider in accordance with a combination criteria include one or more of price, quantity, and the identified quality of service.

26. (Currently Amended)   The web services marketplace of claim 10, wherein the compensation is based on at least the criteria identified quality of service.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended)   The web services marketplace of claim 8[[27]], wherein at least one of the multiple offerings combination is conditional as a mutually exclusive offering to at least one other of the multiple offerings combination.

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29. (Currently Amended)   The web services marketplace of claim 8[[27]], wherein at least one of the multiple offerings ~~combination~~ is conditional as a nested offer that modifies at least one other of the multiple offerings ~~combination~~.

30. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 18, further comprising:

> providing the use of the at least one of the web services obtained from the first of the providers in accordance with a configuration;

31. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 30, further comprising:

> obtaining, by the at least one customer, the at least one of the web services from a second of the providers; and

> providing the use of the at least one of the web services obtained from the second of the providers in accordance with the configuration.

32. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 18, further comprising:

> enabling the at least one customer to pay the first of the providers for the at least one of the web services.

33. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 32, wherein the payment corresponds with the information recorded on the proxy.

34. (New)   The web services marketplace of claim 8, wherein the quality of service includes at

least one of a degree of precision, an accessibility, or a timeliness of data obtained from the web

service.